

ESTABLISHED 1861

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1911.

\$1 A YEAR

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TO AID MERRITTBulldozes Him, Cuts Him
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SAYS THE WITNESS

And Does Not Become Inter-
ested in Merritt Family
Ore Properties.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 22—Leonidas Merritt today reiterated before the Stanley investigating committee many of the details of the family loss of valuable ore property to John D. Rockefeller as told by his brother yesterday. He further testified that among the men he tried to interest in the development of the properties were H. C. Frick and Andrew Carnegie, saying Frick "bulldozed me, cut me off short and ridiculed me."

Chairman Stanley said that Rockefeller would be called as a witness.

Merritt was at times almost beside himself with rage. He declared that after he had turned down a proposition made by Rockefeller the latter called on him to pay a loan of a million dollars which brought about his financial downfall. The proposition was made by the Rev. Dr. Cates and Merritt said that it meant the throwing of a number of men and their stock taken from them.

"I turned to Gates and said," declared Merritt, "Mr. Gates you go back to John D. Rockefeller and tell him that when I steal for a living I will steal for myself."

At one time during Merritt's recital an encounter between him and Attorney George W. Murray, Rockefeller's counsel, was narrowly averted.

POISON

Caused the Death of Albert
Sterling Coroner's
Jury Says.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 22—A coroner's jury today rendered a verdict of death by arsenic poison in the case of Albert Sterling, and Dr. McGregor and Mrs. Margaret Gibbs, the nurse, were taken from their rooms and hurried away in an automobile.

COMMUNION

Is Received by Henry Clay
Beattie in the Richmond
Prison.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 22—Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., condemned to electrocution at dawn Friday, will receive communion this afternoon. Ministers and the prisoner's father are the only ones who will be present. Douglass Beattie, his brother, denied today that he would be present at the electrocution.

GETS SMALL PRODUCER.

The Philadelphia Gas Company has just completed a test well on the William Allen farm on the West Fork river in Union district and has a producer good for twenty barrels of oil a day. The pay was struck in the fourth sand.

PLAY AT FAIRMONT.

MORGANTOWN, Nov. 22—The football game scheduled to be played by Dennison and West Virginia universities Thanksgiving Day has been transferred from the university athletic field here to South Side Park, Fairmont.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22—Wheat closed at 95 5-8; corn at 64 7-8; oats at 47 5-8.

WARM RECEPTION.

PARKERSBURG, Nov. 22—"Good-bye. I'll meet you all in hell," was the message left by Harvey Plimley, a prominent Jackson county farmer, before he blew out his brains with a revolver at night.

VISITS TAFT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 22—Andrew Carnegie spent an hour at the White House with President Taft today.

MURPHY WILL HANG
ONTO STAR PITCHER

ORVIE OVERALL

If Orvie Overall, former star pitcher for the Cubs, who quit the game after striking it rich in a California mining venture, plays baseball any more it will be either with Chicago or with an outlaws club. Pacific Coast League magnates who tried to buy Orvie's release have been informed by President Murphy that the Cubs are going to hang onto him.

FURNITURE STORE

Will Be Opened in Near Future
in Timberlake-Wood-
White Building.

The people of Clarksburg will have another first class and up-to-date furniture store to patronize in the near future, as Mr. Fredburg of the People's Furniture store, of Uniontown, Pa., was here Wednesday and closed a deal with A. R. Timberlake for a room in the Timberlake-Wood-White building on West Main street. He will open the store as soon as the contractors have the interior work finished.

The People's Furniture store, of Uniontown, is one of the oldest establishments in Uniontown and is one of the leading stores. The Clarksburg store will be run as a sub-store and all the purchasing will be done by the Uniontown store. In this way it can purchase large consignments, thereby getting cheaper prices and it will be able to sell cheaper.

PROGRAM ISSUED
FOR A CORN SHOWTo Be Held Here Saturday by
Boys and Girls of the
County.

A. P. Morrison, of Salem, county superintendent of schools, announces the following program for the corn show to be held in the court house here Saturday and he asks the public not to fail to attend this boys and girls' event:

10:30—Opening talk.....
.....Charles W. Lynch
10:30—"Planting and Fertilizing
the Corn Crop".....
.....Prof. I. S. Cook, Morgantown
11:00—Discussion.....
11:30—Short addresses.....
.....Local farmers
Noon Intermission.

1:00—"Aim and Purpose of the
Corn Growing Contest".....
.....A. P. Morrison, secretary
1:30—"Utilizing the Corn Crop"
.....Prof. I. S. Cook
2:00—Discussion.....
2:30—Address.....
.....Prof. A. W. Nolan, Morgantown

2:00—"Methods of Improving the
Corn Crop".....E. W. Sheets
The following excellent prizes are offered:

Class 1. Best ten ears of white
corn: First \$25, second \$15 third
\$10, fourth \$7.50, fifth \$5, sixth
\$2.50, seventh \$2, eighth \$1.50,
ninth \$1, tenth \$1.

Class 2. Best ten ears of yellow
corn: First \$25, second \$15, third
\$10, fourth \$7.50, fifth \$5, sixth
\$2.50, seventh \$2, eighth \$1.50,
ninth \$1, tenth \$1.

Class 3. Best ten ears of corn,
white or yellow: The United
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NATIONAL RESERVE CONCERN
WILL MEET BUSINESS NEEDS

MONROE GUILTY

Of Unlawful Assault Says
the Jury in His Case
in Court.

Fred Monroe was tried in the criminal court Wednesday on a charge of maliciously stabbing Blaine Kerns, a city policeman, with a knife September 10. A verdict for unlawful assault was returned against him. The penalty may be either a penitentiary or jail sentence in the discretion of the court. Sentence will be imposed Saturday.

Dominick Fry was found guilty of an attempt to murder Frank Valent. A motion was made for a new trial.

Tony Bozelle was found guilty of carrying a revolver and a motion was made for a new trial.

Jesse Day was found guilty of petit larceny and sentenced to serve ten days in jail.

The trial of Thomas S. Smith, charged with a felony, was set for November 29.

HEARINGS

Are to Be Discontinued after
Leonidas Merritt Gives
His Testimony.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 22—Chairman Stanley, of the United States Steel Corporation investigating committee, announced today that the hearings would be discontinued after Leonidas Merritt had given his testimony relating to the Rockefeller loan on the Mesaba ore properties.

CHURCH FUNERAL.

The funeral of Dee Williams, colored, will be held in the Mt. Zion Baptist church, colored, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with the Rev. W. T. Kenney leading the service.

FINED BY JUSTICE.

Archie Davison and James Weas were released from jail Tuesday morning by Justice W. P. Camp after they had paid fines of \$1 and costs for being drunk and disorderly at the Baltimore & Ohio railroad passenger station in Glen Elk the evening before. They were arrested by O. S. Cole, of the railroad police force.

COMMISSIONS

Are Issued by the Govern-
ment to New Postmas-
ters in State.

Commissions have been granted to the following West Virginia postmasters: Camilla O. Pike, Deepwater; Robert L. Marshall, Henrietta; Arthur Boyd, Wright; Charles P. Diehl, Ashton; Winfield Scott, Birch River; Charles R. Beach, English; Benjamin L. Duty, Gypsy; Milton S. Malone, Hill Top; Albert F. Baxa, Selbyville; Winifred L. Escue, Tango; Everett A. Scott, Twigg; Lawyer Harrison, War.

MISS PEW QUALIFIES.

Miss Joy C. Pew has qualified as executrix of the will of Mrs. Lillie M. C. Pew, her mother, with bond at \$4,000.

MINERS ACQUITTED.

Tony and Pasco Capito, Pitcairn miners, were tried and acquitted Tuesday night by Justice G. H. Gordon on a peace warrant sworn out by Domenico Salari, also a Pitcairn miner. The three had a fight over an old guitar. Constable William Post was the arresting officer.

USES A MATTOCK.

FAIRMONT, Nov. 22—For attacking James Reed Conaway with a mattock and cutting him on the head, Jackson Hineline has been sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary by Judge John W. Mason in the circuit court.

And at Same Time Safeguard
against Credit Over-
Expansion.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 22—"If the proposed National Reserve Association plan becomes a law, it will provide an institution which will be able to extend credit in proportion to all the reasonable needs of business in this country and at the same time safeguard against the over-expansion of credit," declared George M. Reynolds, president of the Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago, at the annual convention of the American Bankers Association today. While the proposed plan is not a wide departure from the present system, he said, it would correct the present plan's weakness and furnish the machinery for the natural ebb and flow of business; while it provides for centralizing the resources of the country, it did not provide for centralizing the power. He continued:

"In view of the agitation for currency legislation which has been going on during the last three or four years, or since the panic of 1907, which brought the citizens of this country to a realization of the pressing need for currency reform, I assume that the business public, generally, recognizes the weakness and the deficiencies of our present banking and currency system, and I shall not, therefore, make any extended reference to it.

"The system is unscientific, and the fact that it has served us as well as it has, and that we have not had more frequent panics or seasons of severe depression in business, is due very largely to the growing use of credit in business transactions in this country.

"If we safeguard our business against recurring panics and seasons of extreme depression, we must have a system of currency and banking for the protection of credit by means of which our liquid credits can be used and exchanged, thus making it possible, when needed, for a bank to convert its liquid assets, which consist in great part of notes of solvent firms, into the forms of credit, even to the extent of being able to convert the same into currency or bank notes when necessary.

"This is absolutely impossible under our present system because of the inelasticity of our bond-secured national bank notes.

"Thus you will see that if a bank can not convert its liquid assets into bank credits or bank notes in times of need that must, if called upon to do so, pay lawful money against such credits, thereby impairing its reserve.

"This condition, naturally, restricts the amount of credit a bank can extend, no matter how imperative the need for credit may be.

"It is to correct these inefficiencies in our present banking and currency system, and to protect credit in this country through making the credit backed by the solvent debtor exchangeable for such forms of credit as the holder or owner of the credit may demand, that we need currency legislation. The inauguration of a system of currency and banking such as will give to business these facilities is the basis of the plan proposed for the organization of the National Reserve Association of the United States.

"While it provides for centralizing the reserves of the country it does not provide for centralizing the power; the assembling of such large reserves will create an increased ability to extend credit, for that power will be decentralized and be turned back to all of the banks instead of remaining in the hands of bankers in the Central Reserve cities as is now the case.

"To secure credit now the public must depend upon the ability and the inclination of bankers in those cities to furnish it, but if the Reserve Association is formed the country banker, as well as the city banker, will be given the right by law, as he will by the very nature of the plan, an assurance that he can secure, through rediscounting paper with the Reserve Association, the credit necessary for the protection of the industries of his community when they are conservatively managed; therefore, the plan, while providing for the centralization of our reserves, provides for a decentralization on credit which, in view of the fact that 95 per cent of our business is done on credit, means

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RUSSELL DEAD

Owner of Boston National
Baseball Club Passes to
Great Beyond.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21—William Hepburn Russell, owner of the Boston National League baseball club and a well known lawyer in this city, died here today after a brief illness.

BRYAN

And Family Are on a Steamer
on Rocks Off An
Island.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22—The steamer, Princess Joachim, which sailed last Saturday for Kingston reported by wireless early today that it was on rocks off the Seama island north of Haiti. William J. Bryan and family are passengers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 22—The revenue cutter, Algonquin, has been dispatched to the relief of the Princess Joachim.

LIGHT GASSERS

Are Brought In on Three Farms in
Harrison County.

The Hope Natural Gas Company has completed a test on the John Mathy farm on the West Fork river and has a light gasser. On Brown's creek, Grant district, the West Virginia Central Gas Company has a light gasser at its test on the Ida B. Fleming farm. On Pine Bluff run, Clay district, the Hope Natural Gas Company has drilled a test on the Martin farm through the fifth sand and has a light gasser.

WILSON ELECTED.

COLUMBUS, Nov. 21—Oliver H. Wilson, of Illinois, was elected national grange master here today.

MINERS KILLED.

NORDHAUSEN, Saxony, Nov. 21—Eleven miners were killed and one was fatally injured by a fall of rock today in a potash mine owned by the government.

DOING NICELY.

Olan Lawman, who underwent a severe operation at St. Mary's hospital Monday, is resting well today.

TRUST LAWS FADE
INTO BACKGROUNDIn Importance Besides Neces-
sity for a Sound Bank-
ing System.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 22—Proposed changes in the tariff and trust laws of the United States, vital as they may be, fade into the background in importance beside the necessity for a sound banking and currency system, in the opinion of President Schurman, of the Cornell University. In addressing the American Bankers Association today, President Schurman so declared, adding his endorsement of the National Reserve Association plan and offering his co-operation to the association, if it should be desired or needed, in securing its enactment into law.

"The general public has no idea of the importance or urgency of the reformatory and constructive legislation which we now desire for the improvement of our banking and currency system and the protection of the financial interests which they represent," he said. "Questions of partisan politics easily gain possession of the public mind. But the promotion of the public welfare without appeals to passion and to fury is a much more difficult undertaking. The advocates of banking and currency reform have behind them as their support the inexorable nature of things, the laws of the physical universe and the industrial life of mankind; and in spite of indifference and even of opposition they are bound in the long run to prevail."

TIMBER ZENITH
IN THE STATE

JURY HEARS

For the First Time How Dr.
Hyde Obtained the Dead-
ly Poison.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 22—Senator Reed resumed the opening statement for the state, when the Hyde trial was resumed today, and the jury heard for the first time how Dr. Hyde is alleged to have obtained cyanide of potassium and druggists cautioned him in the use of such a dangerous poison.

TAFT TO BANQUET

Members of the National Re-
publican Committee and
Other Persons.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 22—The National Republican Committee will meet in Washington December 11 to select a place for holding the next convention. The members, his cabinet and Republican leaders will be banqueted by the President.

MOB FORMS

For the Purpose of Lynching
Private Detective in
Murder Case.

MOBILE, Ala., Nov. 22—A mob has formed at Louisville, Mo., and is threatening to attack the jail for the purpose of lynching Ben Walker, a private detective, under arrest for perjury in the Janie Sharp case.

BIG POTATOES

Are Grown by Mr. Morgan, Four
Miles from Town of Pickens.

Two large potatoes are in a window at the store of E. R. Davis and Company on Main street. They were grown by H. O. Morgan four miles from Pickens. One weighs two pounds and nine ounces. He grew one that weighed three pounds and seven ounces. Although this was a poor year for potato culture, Mr. Morgan grew 219 bushels.

A REVOLUTION.

BUNEOS AYRES, Nov. 22—It is reported here today that a revolution has broken out in Paraguay.



W. R. JONES

Walter R. Jones, a Socialist speaker, announces that he will speak in the old Adamston school house Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He says of himself in inviting the public to hear him: "Come and hear a speaker who has worked on a farm as a farm hand, in a coal mine as a digger, in a blacksmith shop as a helper, on a railroad as a fireman, on the street cars as a motorman, in the school room as a teacher, in the court room as a lawyer and on a soap box as a soap box orator."

Mr. Jones declares that his motto is "hew the log close to the line and let the chips fall where they may."

TRIAL CLOSING.

LINCOLN CENTER, Kan., Nov. 22—The closing of the tar party trial will come today, but it is possible that Miss Chamberlain may be called again.

Is Passed According to Fig-
ures Given by the Federal
Census Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 22—West Virginia's lumber production has begun to decrease, according to figures compiled by the United States Census Bureau and made public today for the first time. The production of lumber in West Virginia for 1910 was less than for either 1907 or 1909, although slightly in excess of that for 1908. The relative standing of the state is the same as it was in 1907 and 1909, it being, then and for 1910 also thirteenth among the states in the quantity of lumber produced. In 1908 it was fourteenth.

Measured in thousand feet, board measure, the production of lumber in West Virginia for 1910 was 1,376,737; in 1909 it was 1,472,242; in 1908 it was 1,097,815; and in 1907 it was 1,397,979. The value of the lumber is not stated by the census bureau. Were this stated West Virginia might rank higher among the states on account of the high character of its timber products. However, the interesting feature of the census figures is not the quantity or value of the production, but the fact that the maximum production of lumber apparently has been reached and that hereafter there will not be so much lumber produced in the state as has been produced in the past.

While ranking thirteenth in the total output of lumber, West Virginia stands first in the production of oak lumber and together with Kentucky and Tennessee produces more than a third of all the oak lumber produced in the United States.

The total production of lumber in the United States for 1910 is stated by the census bureau to have been 40,018,262 thousand feet, board measure, compared with 44,509,761 in 1909; a total of 33,224,369 in 1908 and 40,258,154 in 1907. The leading states in the order of their production are Washington, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oregon, Wisconsin, Texas, Arkansas, North Carolina, Michigan, Virginia, Alabama, Minnesota and West Virginia.

The five leading species of lumber cut in 1910 were yellow pine, Douglas fir, oak, white pine and hemlock. More than one-third of the total output of all lumber in the United States was yellow pine. It was reported from twenty-seven states but 97.6 per cent of it was cut in the Atlantic and gulf coast states. Louisiana led in the production of pine in 1910. Thirteen per cent of the total output was Douglas fir. Only ten states reported an output of Douglas fir in 1910, Washington alone supplying 62.6 per cent of the total from this species.

Oak, by far the most important hardwood cut into lumber in the United States, supplied material for 3,322,098 thousand feet of lumber in 1910 and ranked third in point of production. The manufacture of oak lumber is very widely distributed among the states, an output from this species of timber having been reported by 37 states during the last year. West Virginia stands first among them. Minnesota produced more than 38 per cent of the total white pine cut in the United States, while Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania produced more than two-thirds of the output of hemlock.

In all fifty-five kinds of timber were utilized in the manufacture of lumber in the United States in 1910, but only forty of these were cut in commercial quantities or for more than local consumption. Practically all the increases in quantities cut were in species peculiar to western or Pacific coast states.

GETS FOUR YEARS.

PHILIPPI, Nov. 20—Following the conviction of Mike Scott on a charge of white slavery, Judge Dayton sentenced Scott to four years in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth and fined him \$4,000. Scott lured Ohio girls to Wheeling for immoral purposes.

EARTH SHAKES.

FORT DE FRANCE, Martinique, Nov. 20—Two severe earthquake shocks were felt here today, but no lives were lost.